

**Montana Department
of
Fish, Wildlife & Parks**



DECISION NOTICE
for Construction of a Heated, Winterized Vault Restroom
with a Hot and Cold Water Faucet in the Upper Visitor Center
Complex at Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park

Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Region 3
1400 S. 19th
Bozeman, MT 59715
May 1995

Description of Proposed Action:

The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks proposes to construct a disabled accessible, winterized vault restroom with water in the upper visitor center complex at Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park. The action will provide a necessary and much needed accommodation for the public and park staff during main summer use season and off-season months when the park water systems are inoperable.

Based on the analysis in the Environmental Assessment (EA), I find that Alternative B, construct the restroom as planned to be the preferred alternative. The restroom will greatly enhance the existing public facilities and provide an essential accommodation for the public and park staff during the off-season winter months. The State Historic Preservation Office commented that if the structure is designed to look like the other structures in the vicinity, the project would have no effect. The draft EA will be accepted as the final EA with no changes. Construction is planned for May of 1995.

I have evaluated the EA and applicable laws, regulations and policies and have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the human or natural environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

The final Environmental Assessment may be viewed or obtained from the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Region 3, Bozeman, Montana. Please direct requests and questions to:

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Sincerely,

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